Technical Education Project of U.P.

1782. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project for external assistance is pending for clearance which was submitted by Technical Education Department of U.P.;

(b) if so, whether the same has been cleared;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the same is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (d) The State Government of UP had sent two project proposals seeking financial assistance, directly, from the World Bank for modernisation and improvement of Technical Education in UP. These were examined in this Ministry. As per procedure, the same were forwarded to the Department of Economic Affairs, with the recommendation that an External funding agency may be approached, for providing the assistance sought for.

AICTE norms for opening Engineering Colleges/Polytechnics

1783. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the norms laid down by the AICTE for opening new engineering collegespolytechnics are not attractive to private parties;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the AICTE would reconsider to relax them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (d) The norms and Standard laid down by the All India Council for Technical Education for courses, curricula, physical and instructional facilities, staff pattern, staff qualifications, quality instructions, assessment and examinations are reviewed by them from time to time. The Council has been receiving